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1. 17 cargo vessels urgently required by the Chinese Government:

3 cargo vessels of 10,000 tons each, without passenger accomodations; speed, 14 to 16 knots; draft when fully laden, 26 feet; powered by Diesel engines or steam turbines

2 cargo vessels of 8,000 tons each; speed, 14 knots; draft when fully laden, 24 feet; driven by steam turbines, boilers heated by coal or crude oil

2 cargo vessels of 6,000 tons each; speed, 14 knots; draft when fully laden, 21 feet; driven by steam turbines, boilers heated by coal or crude oil

4 cargo vessels of 3,000 tons each, with accomodations for 300 to 500 passengers; speed, 15 to 16 knots; draft when fully laden, 18 feet; length, 310 feet; driven by steam turbines, boilers heated by coal or crude oil

2 cargo vessels of 1,500 tons each, with accomodations for 300 passengers; speed, 14 knots; draft when fully laden, 13 feet; driven by steam engines or turbines

4 cargo vessels of 1,000 tons each, with accomodations for 200 to 300 passengers; speed, 14 knots; draft when fully laden, 12 feet; driven by steam or Diesel engines

2. The China-Export Corporation had managed, prior to 7 March 1951, to obtain one of the required vessels. A 1,000-ton tanker was purchased and is now being converted into a cargo vessel in accordance with the requirements specified in the last item of the above list.

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